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offering would amend the offered amendment to the committee amend...I meant to our rules by saying that reconsider...a motion to reconsider is elevated above a motion for cloture. There could even be a possibility that a successful reconsideration motion would do away with the need to invoke cloture. So that is what my motion would attempt to do.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Moore, you're recognized for discussion.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to oppose Senator Chambers' amendment. I think it's, quite simply, I think it's this...the real rule change here brought to us by the Rules Committee is probably similar to the last one but it's really almost technical although I think it has more than technical ramifications, as Senator Chambers is very well aware of. And the fact is I think one of the things we have learned since we have invoked cloture twice, since the rule was finally passed by this body, is that the reconsideration component of it was not adequately thought out when the rule was originally drafted finally and finally brought to us by the Rules Committee under the leadership of Senator Lynch a few years back. I think if you would buy into Senator Chambers' amendment, you would certainly give a tool to drag out the cloture process, I don't know if necessarily indefinitely but certainly an extended period of time. I mean, it's quite simple, after eight hours the business at hand should be taken care of. The last amendment took care of that and you're directly to a motion for cloture, that's the way the rule is designed to do, I think, for the rule to work, you need it not only to learn, you need it to read just as the Rules Committee has proposed. And I think if Senator Chambers' amendment was adopted, you would certainly allow for much more opportunity for an extensive wrangling to take place when cloture is actually invoked and the votes are there to do that. I think it's good that the body has a cloture rule. I think we need to use it when need be. I think Senator Chambers' amendment would certainly weaken the clarification brought to us by the Rules Committee. So, with that, I would rise in opposition to Senator Chambers' motion to place reconsideration above the motion for cloture in our order of priorities.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body,